

Everglades Day at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge

On February 8, **Billy, Bishop, and Tommy** dedicated their time to representing hunting and fishing at the **Everglades Day Festival**, an annual event that stands as the refuge's largest gathering of the year!

This exciting festival offers a wide variety of activities for the whole family. **Kids' Fun Zone** – Obstacle courses, a story walk, rock climbing, and lawn games, **“Try It” Activities** – Fishing with **Reel Fishing Charities** and an archery range, **Tram Tours & Guided Walks** – Exploring the beauty of the refuge, **Electrofishing Demonstrations** – A unique look at fisheries research, **Keynote Speakers** – Presenting in the Visitor Center Theater, **Local Exhibitors & Vendors** – Showcasing conservation efforts and outdoor gear, **Food Trucks** - Offering a variety of delicious options

Billy, Bishop, and Tommy handed out literature about Florida's Youth Hunt Program at their booth and shared photographs showcasing FSCA's efforts to preserve natural resources. Their discussions emphasized conservation issues and the ongoing work to protect Florida's outdoor heritage.

Everglades Day continues to be a fantastic opportunity to educate the public about conservation, responsible hunting and fishing, and the importance of protecting our wildlife. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!